

**THE AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE.**

Internationalizing American fund-raising campaign methods by the introduction of "drives" in Great Britain and its possessions and throughout Europe and South America, is planned by Henry H. Rosenfeldt, director of the American Jewish Relief Committee, of which Louis Marshall is chairman, through an extension of the non-sectarian campaigns of the committee for the relief of Jewish war sufferers.

"Relief for war sufferers is an international, humanitarian problem, which should be met on an international, humanitarian basis," said Mr. Rosenfeldt. "The United States has borne this burden almost single-handed since the outbreak of the war, but there is no reason why with proper organization and the introduction of American methods of raising funds, large sums of money cannot be raised in England, France, Holland, Germany, and even on a lesser scale in Poland, Austria, Hungary and Roumania, hit hardest by the war.

"The American Jewish Relief Committee has already commenced to internationalize its campaigns. A typical American campaign was held in Toronto this year and \$230,000 was raised for Jewish war relief in one week, as compared with \$9,163.80 which that city subscribed during the entire period of the war. During the past three years over \$300,000 was raised in South America by mail alone, which gives some idea of what these people would give for rehabilitative and reconstructive relief in Eastern Europe if properly approached."

Non-sectarian campaigns will be launched in Cuba and Porto Rica this fall, Mr. Rosenfeldt explained, as a beginning of his plan which he hopes to see extended throughout Europe, South America and South Africa in order to relieve this country partly of the burden it has borne so willingly for the past five years and to raise larger sums of money to meet the increased need due to the spread of typhus, cholera, tuberculosis and other diseases resulting from underfeeding and lack of shelter.

"For the first time in the history of the Jewish people, appeals for aid were made outside Jewish circles when the American Jewish Relief Committee inaugurated its non-sectarian campaigns throughout the United States 18 months ago," Mr. Rosenfeldt continued. "During that time, over \$16,000,000 has been raised for Jewish war relief by the generous contributions of Gentiles as well as Jews. The spiritual by-product of these campaigns, the closer relationships and better understandings resulting from this common working for a humanitarian cause, are immeasurable.

"In the meantime plans for raising needed funds in New York and other cities are being prepared to help the war orphans of Poland and the other victims of the war who are without protection for the coming winter."

**THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY.**

The work of the Jewish Chautauqua Society in the Summer Schools of the Universities throughout the Country was inaugurated in the summer of 1909, following the urgent appeal of the United States Commissioner of Education, Hon. P. P. Claxton.

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, of the Hebrew Union College was appointed by the Chautauqua Society as the lecturer in the summer school of the University in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1909 and 1910. Following this course of lectures, Dr. Claxton reported: "I am confirmed in my conclusion that the tremendous force and genius of the Jew is a factor of exceeding great value in the development of American life." The results of the work have so spread and communicated themselves to other Universities that the eleventh annual report, recently completed, registers nineteen universities for the season of 1920, by different rabbis.

The lecturers assigned are very enthusiastic as to the increasing effectiveness of this important activity of the society; recognizing the far reaching results achieved. "Much good is being accomplished through these courses." "These lectures are helping the aim of the Chautauqua to spread knowledge of Jewish achievement among the general American public; the Chautauqua lecturers do far more good than printed essays or articles on same subjects."

The directors of the Universities have expressed in enthusiastic letters to the society their desire for continued co-operation in these lecture courses. "I desire to express to you our sense of obligation;" "We are greatly indebted to you for the privilege of hearing these lectures;" "The lecture was very highly appreciated and shall be delighted to have him again;" "The messages were scholarly, inspiring and in every instance received with great favor;" "We shall want to continue our relationship next year;" "Your lecturer has made a very strong impression for good upon our community, and I can attest to the good work of his lectures;" "I found his talk very educative and was much pleased to have him bring out the ideals for which the old Prophets stood."

Thus through these lectures, the Society has recognized the imperative need of battling for a better understanding of things Jewish and what Judaism stands for. All controversial interpretation is eliminated through the care and circumspection exercised in the selection of speakers and subjects. Misconception exercised in the selection of speakers and subjects. Misconceptions about the Jew and insidious attacks against him which so largely prevail are clearly traceable to dense ignorance and lack of knowledge. These lectures are intended not only to impart information, but to combat prejudice. These are the elements that help to mould public opinion, beget a broader tolerance and deeper insight into the life of our people on the basis of a wider knowledge of the Jew.

**HAMBURG KAHILLAH DEMANDS RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN JEWS.**

Hamburg: (By I. J. P. B.) At the last session of the Jewish Kahillah of Hamburg the problem of organizing all the Jews of Germany into one body was discussed. The representatives of the Hamburg community voted to participate in such an organization provided that it gave the foreign Jews now in Germany the same rights that the German Jews are to have. It also favored that this organization should take up the problems presented by the foreign Jews. If the Berlin Kahillah will not accede to these demands,

the Hamburg Jews will refuse to join the proposed national organization.

Of great interest is the contrast between this very liberal attitude of the Hamburg Jews toward the newcomer

and the stand of the American Jewish Congress. As is well known, non-citizens may not be elected as delegate to the American Jewish Congress.

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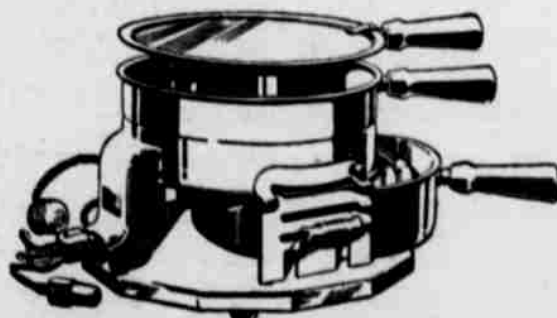
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